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## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr. THOMAS HIRSH REID in the Busi-  
ness of the "CHINA MAIL" ceased from  
To-day (May 18), and the Business will in  
future be carried on by the Undersigned  
GEO. MURRAY PAIN.  
Hongkong, May 16, 1904.

### NOTICE

MR. H. M. BAIN is authorized from  
this date, to sign the same for  
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Hongkong, May 16, 1904.

### BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Exchange Banks will be CLOSED  
for the Transaction of Public Busi-  
ness on 23rd and 24th instant, WHITE  
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Amusements.  
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.  
Miscellaneous.  
Goods per Lightning undelivered after  
4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

**General Memoranda.**  
MONDAY, May 23:—  
Exchange Banks Close.  
Goods per Tientsin not cleared at 4  
p.m. on this date subject to rent.  
Goods per Australia undelivered after this  
date at noon will be subject to rent  
and landing charges.  
WEDNESDAY, May 25:—  
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of  
The Pungon Mining Co., Ltd., in the  
Company's Office.  
Transfer Books of The 'Star' Ferry Co.,  
Ltd., close from this date to the 1st June  
inclusive.  
THURSDAY, May 26:—  
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-  
niture, at Belvedere, Plantation Road,  
the Peak.  
Goods per Coronado not cleared at 4  
p.m. on this date subject to rent.  
WEDNESDAY, June 1:—  
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
'Star' Ferry Co., Ltd., at the Co.'s  
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**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1904.

# EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The purity and the good  
PERSONAL reputation of debate in  
INCIDENT. Our Local Parliament  
must always be maintain-  
ed at all cost, and it will therefore be  
noticed with satisfaction that H.E. the  
President (Mr F. H. May), was on the  
qui vive on this matter at the last  
meeting of the Legislative Council.  
More general satisfaction would, we  
think, have been felt had His Ex-  
cellency expressed himself differently to  
the Hon. Member. Perhaps the Hon.  
H. E. Pollock was rather undiplomatic  
in sending in the two petitions, but we  
rather think that the Governor could  
have been more happy in his en-  
deavour to elucidate the exact position  
of the learned K. C. in the debate.  
Every one knows that His Excellency  
would never wittingly pass a remark in  
or out of Council which could seriously  
ruffle the feelings of any one. But he  
gave the worthy K. C. some ground on  
this occasion to feel nettled. Mr May  
could very easily have asked in the  
diplomatic mellifluous way well known  
in Ireland whether or not Mr Pollock  
appeared in Council as the advocate of  
the opponents of the Opium Amendment  
Ordinance, and a very short answer  
would have at once settled the matter.  
As it was, the form of the Governor's  
questions—as to preparing the petition,  
and as to whether the Hon. Member  
was being paid to appear in Council—  
was decidedly crude and somewhat  
unfortunate. Most residents will  
bear out what the Independent  
Member said in reply, 'that those  
who had followed his public career  
would know that he had accepted no  
pay and had no intention of accepting  
pay for appearing in that Council and  
for the views he might express in that  
Council.' We are sure His Excellency  
F. H. May will share to the full with  
the public in that honest disclaimer—  
only it would have been all the better  
had the disclaimer been rendered un-  
necessary. Besides the immense lump  
of our local revenue being at stake, in  
a sense, there are points of view which  
strike the unofficial mind that fully  
justify an honest and straightforward  
discussion of this Opium Amendment  
Ordinance. Certainly the Farmer must  
be protected, but we have also heard  
that in other ways the respectable class  
of Chinese need protection occasionally  
from the officers of the Farmer. We  
doubt whether the opium-pill business  
is altogether an ameliorating mission.  
Whether it is so or not, the consumers  
of these pills can pay for their luxury  
or for being cured; and we are of the  
opinion that the subject is eminently  
one for compromise. The personal in-  
cident between the Governor and the  
Independent Member leaves the reputa-  
tion of each as wholesome as it has  
always been.

**A Collision Case.**  
In the Singapore Supreme Court on  
May 10 an order was made in the terms of  
the decree issued in the case of the Liability  
Limitations to Collisions between Kien  
Yang and Bon San II, on the application  
of Mr Delay appearing for the plaintiffs.  
It will be remembered that in December,  
1902, the steamer Kien Yang and Bon  
San II collided in the Straits as a result of  
which the Kien Yang sank and Captain  
Chopard was drowned. The Bon San II  
was adjudged to blame and liable. The  
only claim and in respect of loss of life was  
Mrs F. Chopard, widow of the Captain,  
whose claim was admitted at \$7,000. At  
£7 per ton the limit of the liability in  
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**United States and China.**  
The Chinese Immigration Treaty with  
the United States expires next December,  
having been denounced by China, but  
immigrants will not be admissible then.  
If the present exclusion laws do not survive  
the treaty others will be provided, says the  
Washington correspondent of the Standard,  
although China now enjoys an obstacle  
created by the advice of Mr Foster, who,  
acting as its counsel, secured the insertion  
of a clause providing that after the expira-  
tion of the treaty the exclusion laws should  
continue operative so far as was consistent  
with other treaty obligations. It now  
appears that China has rights of unrestric-  
ted intercourse under the treaty of 1868.  
This is inconsistent with the exclusion  
laws, which, therefore, are inoperative  
under Mr Foster's clause. The opposition  
by Labour agitators and politicians is so  
serious that China has already been in-  
formed that the exclusion laws will be  
insisted upon, although it is rather  
puzzling to see how this can be done.  
The principal topic discussed by the  
Cabinet at to-day's meeting, says the New  
York correspondent of the Times on April  
12, was Chinese exclusion and the probable  
necessity of legislative or executive action  
in view of the denunciation by China of the  
existing treaty. No definite conclusion was  
reached. The Attorney-General, Mr Knox,  
is preparing an opinion on the matter,  
which is a complicated one. The probable  
solution of the difficulty will be the negotia-  
tion of another treaty which, while still  
rigorously excluding Chinese labour, will  
permit merchants and the higher classes of  
China to enter the country. Certainly  
China cannot be blamed for denouncing the  
present treaty, of which the advantages are  
all on our side.

**Imaginary Ailments.**  
THERE are many who have pains in the  
back and imagine that their kidneys  
are affected, while the only trouble is  
rheumatism of the muscles, or, at worst,  
lumbago, that can be cured by a few appli-  
cations of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, or by  
damping a piece of flannel with Pain Balm  
and laying it on over the affected parts.  
For sale by all chemists and medicine ven-  
dors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

**Post Office Board.**  
We do not mean an official Board, to  
sit on postal affairs, but a swinging  
wooden board which has been erected at  
some expense to tell the public the steamers  
which have arrived with mails, and to  
keep residents in touch with mail packets  
expected. This board, with its slates, has  
been blank for some time, and many  
residents feel the loss. Why the public  
should be deprived of this very convenient  
form of information it is difficult to under-  
stand. Our worthy Postmaster General  
should revive one of the good features of  
his Department.

**Russians on Truth!**  
Colonel Ogorodnikov, First Russian  
military Agent in China, in a proclamation  
issued at Tientsin on May 3 says:—As a  
matter of fact the false and phantastic re-  
ports and inventions of some of the news  
papers are not worth any attention.  
For instance: How could the Japanese  
capture 28 guns while we had only 8 in  
action?  
It is rather astonishing how the Ja-  
panese Government allows its agents to  
publish such stories under the title of  
'Official News!'

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Chinese Labour for the Band.**  
Speaking at Stratford on April 13 Mr  
A. Lytleton, Colonial Secretary, said that  
the criticisms directed against the Mini-  
sterial action on the subject of Chinese labour  
for South Africa had been almost entirely  
based on defective knowledge, and that  
the importation, under proper regulation,  
of Asiatic labour would be beneficial alike  
to the Transvaal, to the adjacent colonies,  
and the working class at home.

**Band at King Edward Hotel.**  
By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Ire-  
monger and Officers, the Band of the 93rd  
Burma Infantry will play the following  
programme of music at the above Hotel,  
during dinner, on Friday, the 20th May  
(weather permitting):—  
March..... March des Tonneaux..... Godard  
Overture..... Der Koenig Leutnant..... Emil Tied  
Selection..... 'Flordora'..... Leslie Stuart  
Serenade..... 'Love in Idleness'..... Macbeth  
Selection..... 'Three Little Maids'..... Rubens  
Valse..... 'Bleue'..... Margis  
Tarentelle..... 'The Original Napoli-  
taine'..... Julien  
GOD SAVE THE KING.

**Expenditure on French Colonies.**  
The perusal of the estimated ex-  
penditure by France on their Colonies  
affords an interesting study. While the  
estimated expenditure for 1904 is set down  
as frs. 108,292,890, for 1905 it is frs.  
111,292,890, being an increase of frs.  
3,000,000. The increase, as a matter of  
fact is frs. 3,660,000, but there are reduc-  
tions on certain items amounting to frs.  
660,000 leaving frs. 3,000,000 as the net  
increase. About frs. 3,000,000 are assigned  
to Indo-China for increasing the defensive  
forces in France's Far Eastern possessions,  
four new batteries and an additional  
infantry battalion being sent out.

**The New York Presidential Election.**  
The Republican State Convention held  
on April 12 in New York City adopted the  
following resolution:—We endorse the ad-  
ministration of Theodore Roosevelt. Be-  
lieving in his loyalty to the principles of  
the Republican party, relying on his  
devotion to the interests of American  
citizens, confiding in his wisdom, his  
courage, and his statesmanship, we hereby  
direct that the delegates this day chosen  
do use all honourable means to bring about  
his nomination for President at the National  
Convention in June. That, says the  
Times correspondent, puts the Republican  
Party in Mr Roosevelt's own State behind  
him, an indisputable preliminary to his  
probably unanimous nomination at Chicago.  
Senator Dewey addressed the Convention  
in a speech of eloquent optimism. On the  
surface harmony in the party is complete.

**A Collision Case.**  
In the Singapore Supreme Court on  
May 10 an order was made in the terms of  
the decree issued in the case of the Liability  
Limitations to Collisions between Kien  
Yang and Bon San II, on the application  
of Mr Delay appearing for the plaintiffs.  
It will be remembered that in December,  
1902, the steamer Kien Yang and Bon  
San II collided in the Straits as a result of  
which the Kien Yang sank and Captain  
Chopard was drowned. The Bon San II  
was adjudged to blame and liable. The  
only claim and in respect of loss of life was  
Mrs F. Chopard, widow of the Captain,  
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**Obstructing the Footpath.**  
A coolie named Tuen Ho Wai cleared  
all pedestrians off the footpath in Queen's  
Road West yesterday as he marched along  
with fourteen empty coal baskets strung on  
a long bamboo. His triumphant progress,  
however, was speedily checked by a con-  
stable, and at the Magistracy this morning  
he was ordered by Mr J. H. Kemp to pay  
a fine of \$3.

**Collision in the Canton River.**  
A collision is reported to have occurred  
in the Canton River on Tuesday morning.  
Three boats were concerned, the Tai On,  
the Kwong Tung and a salt junk. Particu-  
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**Notes by the Way.**  
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The Chilean training ship *General  
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An Association has been formed to  
promote the recovery by Japan of Sagha-  
lien.  
Mr K. W. Campbell has been elected  
Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire  
Brigade.  
There were 981 Chinese males, over  
the age of 16, in the Transvaal at the end  
of March.  
Mr Hikotaro Abe, the well-known  
Osaka millionaire, died on May 5 at the  
age of 65.

The Russian Grand Duke Cyril,  
wounded at Port Arthur, is to go to Nice  
to recruit his health.  
The N. Y. K. S. *Satsuma Maru* pas-  
sed a floating mine about 40 miles west of  
Toshima on the 30th ult.  
The Emperor of Austria is due to  
arrive in England, on a visit to the King,  
on June 23, one week after Ascot.  
The British steamer already reported  
as stranded near Shimonoski St. Aits had  
General Sir Ian Hamilton and eleven other  
foreign military officers on board, on their  
way to the front.

The news of the sinking of the C. E.  
R. S. *Shikishima* through striking a mine when  
leaving Dally for Port Arthur with 3,000  
tons of coal, is confirmed, but the latest  
news was that it was the *Amur*, not the  
*Shikishima*.  
We regret to learn of the somewhat  
sudden death of Mr W. R. Seymour,  
Junior Assistant Master at Queen's Col-  
lege. Death took place at the Government  
Civil Hospital on Tuesday. His funeral  
took place yesterday afternoon, and was  
well attended.

**Water Analysis.**  
The quality of the water in Pokfulam,  
Tytan, Kowloon and Chung-sha-wan re-  
servoirs is excellent, according to the  
analysis of the Government Analyst.  
**A Claim Settled.**  
A case in which the Hamburg and  
American Line Company claimed the sum  
of \$700 from Cheng Shan Hong was set-  
tled for hearing in the Supreme Court  
this morning. It was announced that the  
claim had been settled out of court.

**The Bat Crusade.**  
During the fortnight ended May 13,  
the number of bats caught in Victoria was  
673, 49 of which were plague infected,  
while 377 were caught in Kowloon during  
the same period, 9 of which were plague  
stricken. The total number caught was  
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[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]  
Received May 19, 4.45 p.m.  
**RUSO-JAPANESE WAR.**

**JAPANESE DISASTER.**

**THREE MEN-OF-WAR STRIKE  
MINES.**  
The 'Shikishima' Sunk.  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
SHANGHAI, May 19, 3.37 p.m.  
It is reported from Chefoo that the  
armoured cruiser *Asama*, and the bat-  
tleships *Fuji* and *Shikishima*, while  
cruising around in the vicinity of Port  
Arthur, struck Russian mines that had  
been laid down.  
The *Shikishima* sank, and the other  
two vessels were heavily damaged.  
They were, however, towed away.  
The loss of life is not known, but it is  
expected to be large.

The *Asama* is an armoured cruiser of  
9,750 tons displacement, with 18,000  
indicated horse-power, giving a speed of  
22.1 knots. She built at Elswick in 1898,  
and her dimensions are:—length 400 feet;  
beam 67 feet; and draught 24 feet. She  
has a steel hull, and is protected by a  
7.3 inches belt of Harvey's steel, and has  
a deck plating of two inches. Her guns  
are four 8 inch quick firing; fourteen  
6 inch. (Armstrong); twelve 12 pounders;  
and seven 2½ pounders. She has five  
torpedo tubes, four of which are submerged.  
The *Fuji* is a battleship of 12,320 tons  
displacement, with an indicated horse-  
power of 14,850, which gives a speed of  
19.2 knots. She was built on the Thames  
in 1896, and her dimensions are:—length  
384 feet; breadth 73 feet; and draught 26  
feet 6 inches. She is armed with four 12  
inch; ten 6 inch. Q.F.; twenty 3 pounders;  
and three 4½ pounders, and five torpedo  
tubes, four of which are submerged.  
The *Shikishima* is a battleship of  
14,850 tons displacement with an indicated  
horse power of 14,500, given a speed of  
18.6 knots. She was built on the Thames  
in 1898, and her dimensions are:—length 400  
feet; breadth 6 feet 6 inches; and draught  
27 feet 3 inches. She is armed with four  
12 inch; fourteen 6 inch Q.F.; twenty  
12 pounders; eight maxims; and has five  
torpedo tubes, four submerged. —(En. C.M.)

**JAPANESE APPROACHING  
NEWCHANG.**

**RAILWAY MATERIAL  
CAPTURED.**

**Advance Delayed.**  
The Japanese are approaching New-  
chwang, and have captured all the rail-  
way material in the neighbourhood.

**THE POSITION AT DALNY.**

**NOTHING DESTROYED BY  
RUSSIA.**

**Men-of-war Still in Harbour.**  
The reports with regard to the alleged  
destruction of the Docks, etc., at  
Dalny have been denied. Nothing has  
been blown up and the Russian men-  
of-war are still in the Harbour,  
according to the strictest St. Peters-  
burg order.

**JAPANESE IN LIAOTUNG.**  
The Japanese Consul has kindly sent  
us the following copy of a telegram  
received by him to-day:—  
Tokio, 18th May, 1904,  
10.40 p.m.

'The commander of the landing forces  
at Liaotung reports that, between the  
15th and 16th instant, daily skirmishes  
have taken place, the Japanese detach-  
ments successfully driving the enemy  
and destroyed the telegraph com-  
munication and railways at Pulantien  
and its vicinity.  
On the 16th instant, after serious  
fighting, our forces occupied the heights  
distant three and a half miles from  
Kinchow. Our casualties were 146,  
including nine officers wounded.'

**The Plague in Hongkong.**  
In reply to Sir W. Foster, Mr  
Lytleton, in the House of Commons, said  
—According to the weekly telegraphic  
reports from Hongkong on the subject,  
which are regularly communicated to the  
Press, as soon as received, there have been  
11 cases of plague and 11 deaths at Hong-  
kong this year: up to April 9. I have  
received no detailed report as to the occur-  
rence of plague during the current year,  
but I have given instructions that a report  
of the setting medical officer of health on the  
subject of plague during the first seven  
months of last year, which has just been  
received, should be sent to the hon.  
member.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]  
SUPPORTED BY RUETER, VIA BOMBAY.  
[Received on May 18, 6.30 p.m.]  
**THE BRITISH BUDGET.**

**MR BANNERMAN'S MOTION  
DEFEATED.**

**Sir W. Harcourt's Retirement  
Announced.**  
LONDON, May 18.  
The debate on Mr Campbell-Bannerman's  
motion on the Budget was resumed in the  
House of Commons to-day.  
Sir Wm. Harcourt, in a speech which  
he declared would be his last public  
address, strongly supported the motion,  
which condemned the recent increase  
in the expenditure.  
He attributed this to a spirit of an-  
nexion, rancour, retaliation appeals and  
international jealousy.  
Mr Austen Chamberlain repudiated  
the charges made by Sir Wm. Harcourt,  
and said that the question of the re-  
duction of army expenditure was under  
consideration.  
The expenditure on the Navy could  
not be interfered with, for the building  
programmes of France, Russia and  
Germany showed the necessity for main-  
taining the two-power standard of the  
British navy.  
He did not share the view that  
the Japanese war had destroyed one of  
the great navies of the world.  
The motion was put to the House and  
defeated by eighty-four votes, the  
Noes being 297 and the Ayes 213.

[A Reuter's telegram last month showed  
that the Budget had a deficit of £5,415,000.  
The estimated revenue for the coming year  
is £139,000,000 and the expenditure £143,  
880,000. The Chancellor of the Exchequer  
refused to suspend the sinking fund, and  
proposes to realize a million's worth of un-  
claimed stock, to add one penny on the  
income tax, to impose on corn an additional  
sixpence on casks, a shilling on cigarettes,  
a new rate of three shillings and threepence  
on tobacco stripped before importation, to  
raise the moisture limit to 82, and to in-  
troduce small drawbacks which it is hoped  
will increase the British export trade  
to £350,000,000 from the present £280,  
000,000 from income tax and £2,000,000  
from the increase of 2d on tea is antici-  
pated. Sugar remains untouched. —(En. C.M.)

**BRITISH NAVAL EXPEN-  
DITURE.**  
Writing on the debate in the House of  
Commons on April 10, the *Investor's Re-  
viewer* says:—  
In the course of a couple of hours or so  
the House of Commons voted away up-  
wards of £16,000,000, and at no point in  
the discussion was the subject really  
threshed out. Mr Edmund Robertson,  
one of the ablest critics of our naval policy  
in the House, made some valuable obser-  
vations, and Sir Charles Dike, Mr Gibson  
Bowles and several others also delivered  
more or less effective criticisms on points  
of detail, but as a whole the discussion was  
lamentably inadequate and never really  
tackled the supreme question aye—why  
all this money should be required.  
The true note was sounded by a remarkable  
essay printed in Tuesday's *Manchester  
Guardian*, written by Mr G. J. Shaw  
Lefevre, an old naval expert of high cap-  
acity and sound judgment. He analysed  
the position with lucidity and pointed out  
that it would be easy enough to save  
£7,000,000 out of the £11,500,000 devoted  
this year to naval construction and mostly  
wasted thereon. The table in the estimates  
is framed, says Mr Shaw-Lefevre, on the  
basis that all armoured-plated ships become  
obsolete after twenty years from the date  
of their launching, and that after  
fifteen years, and torpedo vessels and other  
small craft after twelve years. On this  
assumption, and excluding vessels of older  
date, the cost of the construction of all our  
war vessels still of value as murder ma-  
chines is put at £104,000,000, and it is  
further stated that on the above assump-  
tion as to the life of such vessels an annual  
expenditure of £4,500,000 would be suf-  
ficient to replace them as they fall out  
after the very short lives assigned to them.  
If we continue to spend £11,500,000 each  
year on new construction, instead of the  
£4,000,000 necessary to maintain the fleet  
at its present overwhelming strength, in an-  
other ten years' time, after striking out  
the vessels which will have run off the list  
in the interval, we shall have a stock of  
completed fighting ships of all descriptions  
costing £190,000,000, exclusive of those in  
course of construction on which a further  
£18,000,000 or so will have been spent.  
At Mr Shaw-Lefevre points out the ta-  
lented list of battleships actually built by  
France, Russia, and Germany, excluding  
all launched before 1885, brings out the  
fact that we alone have brought into exis-  
tence exactly the same number as these  
three powers together within this period of  
time, viz., 41 vessels, and that the  
capacity of our vessels is 550,000 tons as  
compared with 455,540 tons for the whole  
of the vessels built by these three powers.  
We have a bigger fleet than the three of  
them together, and it is already a paralysing  
monstrosity. Why then go on with this  
senseless waste of money? It is ruinous  
waste, of that we are sure, and will have the  
effect of providing us with a navy far be-  
yond our capacity to man it. Already that  
capacity is exceeded in many ways. Our  
ships are not only under-manned, but, as  
Mr Gibson Bowles pointed out in Tuesday's  
evening's debate, under-gunned.  
In the real reason for going ahead blindly  
in this gambler's fashion the necessity for  
maintaining the superiority of arms like  
Armstrong's, Vickers, and Co., John  
Brown and Co., Vickers, Sons, and Maxter,  
and Cammell, Laird and Co. These ship-  
building businesses have been developed, some  
of them almost entirely, by the extravagant  
expenditure of our Government upon the  
navy, and were they to be deprived of their  
portion of the £11,500,000 per annum, no  
small portion of the 'capital' they have  
brought into existence would inevitably  
disappear.



THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1904.

## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]  
ARREST OF LASCARS IN  
RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 17.  
Three Lascars of the crew of the British steamer *Camrose* and also some of the crew of a German steamer have been arrested at Kronstadt on suspicion of being Japanese.

## THE WAR.

General Plag telegraphs that the Japanese advance to Liao-yang is characterized by indecision. He supposes the objective of the principal Japanese forces is a point beyond Hai Cheng.

THE LATE SIR HENRY  
STANLEY.

LONDON, May 17.  
The funeral service of the late Sir Henry Stanley, the explorer, at Westminster Abbey, was conducted with great ceremony. The King and Queen and the King of the Belgians were represented.

## THE P. &amp; O. MAIL SERVICE.

The Government has arranged to extend the present P. & O. Service to 1908, but with an acceleration of 24 hours throughout. The subsidy to be £330,000. In the meanwhile the Government will ascertain whether a further improvement is obtainable by open tender.

## THE TIBET EXPEDITION.

The Earl of Hardwicke, in reply to Earl Spencer, said that the hostility shown to the Mission to Tibet did not show that the policy of the Government was wrong, but that it was confronted with a danger far more serious than was expected. The declaration of policy of the 8th November 1903, in nowise departed from the Mission going to Lhasa. He admitted that the circumstances were now changed, and that we were now at war with Tibet, but until we had vindicated our position by force of arms and shown the Tibetans we were not to be trifled with, he did not think that the Government should be asked to give a definite pledge regarding the form the settlement should take at the conclusion of hostilities.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.  
The result of the games played in the first division on Saturday, April 16, were—Aston Villa defeated North Forest; Everton beat Derby County; Blackburn Rovers defeated Middlesbrough; Liverpool beat Bury; Manchester City beat Small Heath; Newcastle United beat Sheffield Wednesday; and Sunderland defeated Sheffield United.

The Western Football League championship has been won by Tottenham Hotspur. The defeat of West Bromwich Albion by Everton makes the former club's relegation to the second division a certainty.

## THE DALLAS COMPANY.

## 'Florodora' at the City Hall.

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## S.S. 'Swanley' Ready for Sea.

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The *Swanley* is a fine large ship of 4,500 tons, and is 300 feet in length, 51 feet in breadth and 28 feet 7 inches deep, and accommodation has been fitted up on her for 2,390 coolies. The ship is without doubt one of the finest—if not the finest—emigrant ship that has ever been launched, and the arrangements made for the comfort of the coolies reflect the greatest credit on the officials responsible.

## SUPREME COURT.

## IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Lordship Sir W. M. Goffman, Chief Justice.)  
Thursday, May 19.

## A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

Ng Tsung and Hon Him were indicted on a charge of conspiracy and Ng Tsung was also charged with perverting the course of law and justice.

The Attorney General, Sir H. S. Bortolero, prosecuted, and Mr. E. H. Sharp, K. C. (assisted by Mr. F. P. Hett) appeared on behalf of the prisoners.

The accused pleaded not guilty and the following jurors were sworn:—Messrs. P. A. Cunningham, F. W. White, S. E. Moses, J. T. de Almeida e Castro, R. Walpole, A. Schimidt, and L. Kerr.

The Attorney General in relating the facts of the case said that there was a man named Chan Cheung, who held a squatter's license for about 3½ acres in Maiti, between Yaumatei and Kowloon. The license was a yearly one and was not transferable. In 1896 Chan Cheung applied to the Squatter's Board for a Crown lease of the land, and the Board granted it to him. Chan Cheung was a Chinese, and he was married to a Chinese woman named Chan So. Chan So was a Chinese, and she was married to Chan Cheung. Chan So was a Chinese, and she was married to Chan Cheung. Chan So was a Chinese, and she was married to Chan Cheung.

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## LONDON LETTER.

## (From Our Own Correspondent.)

## LONDON, April 15.

The loss of Makaroff is a greater disaster than the heavy blow with which Japan opened the war on Feb. 8. The position is now irretrievable. Even without sympathy for the Russian side, one must lament the fall of so distinguished an officer. He had extricated the remains of a fleet from the plight in which Stark left it, had made it again a useful arm, and was able to challenge Togo again and again. Now he has fallen bravely, and it is too much to hope to find his equal in Admiral Skrydoff or Rozhdvestvensky. Like Kuropatkin, Makaroff was trained under Skobelev, and was with him at Gork Topa.

He was a skilful engineer, designing collision mats, ice-breakers and other devices for the protection of ships. Personally he was immensely popular in society and among the men who served under him.

## To-morrow afternoon we expect Mr.

Chamberlain back in London, hearty and strong after his holiday. Some opposition papers are saying that he will abandon his fiscal policy, but they little know Joseph. In the days when he was the strongest Secretary of State that the colonies ever had, such a thing as the abandonment of an idea, right or wrong, was never one of his characteristics, and even those who suffered from action that looked to them like a Downing Street blunder could appreciate the firmness of a man as different as possible from those of his predecessors who had appeared to combine the courage of an ostrich with the firmness of a jellyfish, and sometimes the jawbone of an ass. Mr. C. will be here in time to witness his son introducing his first budget. Of course the details are still a profound secret, but a little penny on the Income Tax is pretty well assured.

## The death of the ex-Queen Isabella

of Spain recalls a chapter of history that is not likely to repeat itself. It was a medieval delusion that the history of nations might be controlled by royal marriages, and the belief persisted till well on into the last century. It would make no difference to this country, if peace and war with another nation were in the balance, to argue that some English prince or princess was married to a royal personage of that country, yet years ago, statesmen of Europe attached the profoundest importance to the question of the nationality of the husband of the Queen of Spain. One of the obituary notices describes her as a *bon vivant* and tells a touching story that begins with the Queen and a dish of fourteen eggs and ends with the Queen and an empty plate.

Of course *bon vivant* is masculine, and there is no feminine phrase corresponding to it, because ladies never gourmandise, but Isabella certainly had a royally hearty appetite.

Miss Frances Power Cobbe, an eminent anti-vivisectionist and social reformer, died last week at the age of 82. In her will she left somewhat gruesome directions as to the manner in which her throat was to be cut, to obviate all possibility of a resurrection in the coffin. As she made the validity of this will dependent on the carrying out of this provision, the operation was well and truly performed. Lord Lytton made a similar arrangement that he should be stabbed through the heart after death, and, ugly as the trick is, there is something to be said for the practice of killing the corpse rather than risk the remotest possibility of burying it alive.

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## LATE TELEGRAMS.

## The Tibet Mission.

Kalato (Tibet), May 3.—A small party of Mounted Infantry reconnoitering near Khari, 43 miles east of Gyantse, on the 30th April, found the Tibetans in force about three miles beyond the Pass. Nearly 1,000 men were hidden behind a wall, 500 yards long, built across the valley. Others were among the rocks on the steep hillside above the road. The Mounted Infantry cautiously approached the wall when a furious fire was opened on them at 300 yards, the bullets striking all round. The men retired in excellent order, when the Tibetans on the precipitous slope above the road opened a heavy fire, rolling avalanches of bullets down the hillside. The men, retaining their presence of mind, dodged the rocks and showed great self-restraint in obeying the order not to fire. There were no casualties. The Mounted Infantry returned to Raling en route to Gyantse.

## The P. &amp; O. Company.

LONDON, April 22nd.—The P. & O. Company have arranged with the Imperial Government for the extension and improvement of their steam service to the East. The minimum term of the new contract is three years, with a proviso that the Company may retire from the Australian line (conditionally upon its relinquishing a portion of its subsidy) if the Commonwealth legislation forbids the Company from participating in the coastal trade, which is essential to profit-earning on the Australian mail line.

## Mail Service to East Africa.

LONDON, May 3.—A Committee has been appointed, composed of representatives of the chief Government offices, to consider what subsidy is likely to be required for a British steamship service to East Africa, and what contributions the British possessions interested are likely to make thereto.

## Great Britain and The Balkans.

LONDON, May 15th.—Lord Lansdowne, replying to Earl Spencer, confessed that the progress of reforms in the Balkans was disappointing, and that if they were not accelerated, we might be confronted with a situation of the gravest anxiety.

## British Cotton-Growing Association.

LONDON, May 5.—The British Cotton-Growing Association has decided to apply for a Royal Charter, the capital to be £500,000 in shares of £1 each. They will be no profits for the first seven years.

## Indian Tea Exports.

Calcutta, May 4.—The quantity of Indian tea entered for export to the United Kingdom for April from Calcutta, amounted to 111,080 lbs. In the corresponding period of last year the quantity was 245,260 lbs.

## The St. Petersburg Explosion.

LONDON, April 20.—The victim of the Hotel Nord explosion in St. Petersburg has not yet been identified. He is said to have possessed forged passports.

The police are convinced, from documents seized, that the bombs, which exploded, were intended to be used against Ministers of State who were to welcome the survivors of the Chernobyl fight, and also against these high State officials who were shortly to take part in the unveiling of a monument to the late Tsar, Alexander III, at Moscow.

The two men, who are present at the last named function. Twenty arrests have been effected in connection with the recent explosion at the Hotel Nord, at St. Petersburg.

## The Anglo-French Agreement and Turkey.

LONDON, May 3rd.—In reply to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Balfour, has not been consulted in the Anglo-French agreement. Great Britain declares that it does not affect Turkey's right to suzerainty over Egypt.

## India and the Tea Duty.

Calcutta, May 4.—The Government of India have acceded to the request of the Indian Tea Association to approach the Home Government with reference to the proposed enhancement of the British import duty.

On the 23rd April, the Government telegraphed to the Secretary of State that they considered the anticipations of the Association as to the probable effect on consumption of the enhanced duty to be well founded. They further intimated that they would be glad if His Majesty's Ministers could refrain from increasing the duty.

In addition to this action, the Government of India have also informed the Secretary of State of the resolution passed at the public meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on the 23rd April.

## The Sistan Boundary Commission.

LONDON, May 3.—Mr. St. J. Brodrick, speaking in the House of Commons, said that the cost of the Sistan (Beluchistan) Boundary Commission was estimated at five thousand sterling monthly, which would devolve on the revenue.

## The Wesleyan Church Fund.

LONDON, April 22nd.—The Wesleyan Methodist Church's Twentieth Century Fund exceeds £1,000,000.

## The Viceroy of India.

Simla, May 3rd.—The name of Lord Curzon is beginning to be mentioned as a probable nominee of the Liberal Party for the Viceroyalty, in the event of the Unionists going out and Lord Curzon not returning to India.

## Bishop Hobhouse's Death.

LONDON, April 22nd.—The death is announced of the Right Rev. Dr. Edmund Hobhouse, formerly Bishop of Nelson, New Zealand, at the age of 87 years.

## Death of Mr. John Coleman.

Mr. John Coleman, the well-known actor-manager, is dead. [When last heard of Mr. 'Johnny' Coleman was insane in Manila.]

## Death of the Rev. A. Gordon Fraser.

Calcutta, May 4.—The Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, aged 92, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at 'Belvedere,' his son's Calcutta residence.

## The New Army Council.

LONDON, May 4.—Colonel H. D. Hutchinson, C.B., has been appointed Director of Staff Duties.

## Death of Lieutenant T. S. Johnston.

Simla, April 30.—Lieutenant T. S. Johnston, 67th Punjab, died at Saigoo yesterday, from wounds inflicted by a tiger.

## The United States.

LONDON, April 20.—The House of Representatives of the United States has passed a Bill providing for the annexation of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and the Indian Territory.

## THE 'CENTURION'S' SIGHTS.

In the House of Commons on April 8, Mr. Harcourt asked the Secretary to the Admiralty whether the late Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, Sir Cyprian Bridge, had informed the Admiralty that, owing to the defective gun-sights, the *Centurion* was not fit to go into action.

Mr. Protynar: The Admiralty are not prepared to answer any questions respecting any communications which pass between them and the Commander-in-Chief of stations. They would never have sent the *Centurion* to China if they did not consider her fit to go into action. I have nothing to add to the information I have already given in respect of the accuracy of the *Centurion's* sights, but I take this opportunity of stating that in the course of carrying out recent gun practice on the China Station the *Centurion* obtained three direct hits in succession on an 8 ft. target at 2,600 yards, steaming at 13 knots, with her 10 in. guns, and only had two lost shots out of 16 rounds.

## THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Sanitary Board the Acting Medical Officer of Health consulted with the Acting Director of Public Works on the question of the modification of the bye-laws necessary to allow of Mr. Chadwick's scheme of ventilation of the sewers by means of house drains being put into operation. They suggested the following alterations:—

By-law 25, fourth line, add 'in as direct a line as possible.'

By-law 26.—Every main house drain which has a trap at its lower end shall have a ventilating opening on the house side of such trap, and no trap or other obstruction to the free circulation of air shall exist between the opening, other than the one described in By-law 25, and the said opening shall be so arranged as to give access to a trap for inspection, cleansing and repair.

Wherever it appears to the Board to be advisable that there should be no trap at the lower end of the drain, no such trap shall be inserted, and in such case no trap or other obstruction to the free passage of air shall exist between the lower end of the house drain where it joins the sewer and a ventilating pipe described in By-law 25. If there be no trap between the pipe sewer and house drain no ventilating opening shall be provided at the lower end of the house drain.

By-law 27, after building in fourth line, insert 'or unless in case the opinion of the Sanitary Surveyor such ventilating pipe is necessary.'

Mr. Rumjshn intimated that he strongly objected to the words 'Sanitary Surveyor' in By-law 27, as suggested by the Acting M.O.H., until the Colony had been provided with a properly qualified man, as the holder of a similar position in England must be a Civil Engineer and must have passed through a certain examination in Hygiene and Public Health. They were invariably members of the Sanitary Institute.

The Acting Director of Public Works intimated:—I presume Mr. Rumjshn is not referring to the Acting Sanitary Surveyor, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Lau Chu Pak intimated that the matter be referred to the sub-committee.

## To-day's Advertisements

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 26th May, 1904, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at 'BELVEDERE,' PLANTATION ROAD, THE PEAK, (THE RESIDENCE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE),—

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Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and value of Packages are required.

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